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FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND WELLS ONLY FROM MAYNES

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SUBJECT: U.S. ECOSOC SPEECH

REF: YOUNG/MAYNES PHONECON

1. SINCE ANDY'S PHONE CALL I HAVE LOOKED AT THE FIRST DRAFT
OF THE ECOSOC SPEECH AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

-- I CERTAINLY AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT MAKE THE SPEECH A
LAUNDRY LIST. CONCENTRATING ON OVERVIEW, RESTRUCTURING
AND UNCSTD IS FINE WITH ME.

-- AT THE SAME TIME IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE FIRST DRAFT HAS
TOO MUCH OF A NUTS AND BOLTS SOUND. WE WILL BE MISSING
AN OPPORTUNITY IF THERE IS NO KIND OF CONCEPTUAL FRAME-
WORK TO RELATE OUR SPECIFIC POLICY CONCERNS TO. IT
STRUCK ME THAT AN INTRODUCTORY SECTION WHICH PUTS THE
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PIECES TOGETHER AND TOUCHES ON SOME OF THE POINTS YOU
MADE TO IO AND EB WHEN YOU WERE HERE LAST WEEK WOULD PLAY
WELL IN GENEVA AND HELP US DOMESTICALLY. BOB BARRY'S
SUGGESTION FOR DICK POOLE TO CARRY WITH HIM TO GENEVA
WAS THAT SUCH A SECTION COULD BE PIECED TOGETHER FROM
THE PRESIDENT'S CARACAS SPEECH, YOUR LETTER TO THE
PRESIDENT ON NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES, MAHBUB AL HAQ'S SPEECH

PROPOSING PRINCIPLES OF EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, ETC. OUR THOUGHT WAS THAT SUCH A SECTION COULD HELPFULLY NIBBLE AT THE FRONTIERS OF EXISTING POLICY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN NOTING THE HOUSE-ADDED LANGUAGE TO THE AID AUTHORIZATION BILL SUGGESTING THE GOAL OF ERADICATING THE WORST MANIFESTATIONS OF POVERTY BY THE YEAR 2000 AND SETTING IN TRAIN SELF-RELIANT GROWTH IN LDC'S BY THIS TIME. THIS LATTER KIND OF LANGUAGE IS A HELPFUL AMPLIFICATION OF WHAT WE MEAN BY BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND MIGHT HELP TO ADVANCE OTHER'S APPRECIATION OF OUR POLICIES IN THIS AREA.

-- IT STRIKES ME THAT, GIVEN THE REACTION OF DC'S TO OUR LATEST OVERVIEW PROPOSALS AND THE GENERALLY NEGATIVE ATTITUDES THE AFRICANS EXPRESSED TO GEORGE DALLEY ON OVERVIEW DURING HIS TRIP, THIS SECTION IS TOO LONG AND SPECIFIC, BUT YOU AND MELISSA ARE THE BEST JUDGE OF THAT.

-- I ALSO FELT IT COULD BE USEFUL TO ECHO SOME OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS TO MANLEY AND THE OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE IN PANAMA RE THE NEED TO AVOID STRIDENT RHETORIC AND SAY SOMETHING POSITIVE ABOUT THE MDB'S AS A MEANS OF ASSISTING US IN GETTING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS ASPECT OF OUR STRATEGY.

-- FINALLY, L HAS NOW AGREED TO OUR MEMORANDUM TO COOPER ON THE NIO "NEW LOOK," WITH A PARAGRAPH ON THE NEED TO PROTECT OUR LEGAL POSITION BY POLICY STATEMENTS RESTATING OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND INTERPRETING OUR VOTES FOR NIO LANGUAGE AS SUPPORT FOR THE EVOLVING CONCEPT, NOT THE RESOLUTIONS THEMSELVES. A BRIEF PARAGRAPH IN YOUR SPEECH MIGHT NOT ONLY FIT INTO THE POLICY SECTION BUT ALSO FEND OFF REQUESTS FOR RESTATEMENTS OF OUR POLICY IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. VANCE

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